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Petersbourg, September 25, *O. S.*

MOST of the British Merchant Ships are ſailed from hence. The Britiſh Merchants here were put under Arreſt ſome Days ago, becauſe they refuſed to give to the College of Finances mutual Security one for another, not to depart the Country till they had ſatisfied their Debts due as well to the Publick as to the Inhabitants; but this laſted only for 24 Hours, the ſaid College reſting contented that every one ſhould give Security for his own Perſon; which being done they were releaſed from their Arreſt, and are now at Liberty.

Genoa, Oct. 17. On the 14th Inſtant the Secretary of State brought to Mr. Davenant the Republick's Anſwer to the Repreſentation he had made after the ſailing of the Spaniſh Privateer, importing, that they had done all that could be expected from them in taking out the Genoueſes, and that the Spaniſh Sloop ſailed from Savona with but 17 Sailors, four Deſerters, and two Iriſh Paſſengers, which Number of Men was but juſt ſufficient to navigate the Ship. Yeſterday Mr. Davenant received a Letter from Captain Beverley of the Montague, who lies at Vado expecting the French Tartans, with Advice, that upon Intelligence the Spaniſh Privateer was ſtill cruiſing on the Coaſt, in order to intercept more of the French Veſſels, he had ſent his firſt Lieutenant with a Sattee and a ſufficient Number of Men and Arms to take or deſtroy her; but that he had only been able to run her aſhore at Diano, where the Governour would not permit him to ſieze the Veſſel. Upon which Mr. Davenant immediately applied to the Senate, deſiring they would ſend Orders to their Governour to deliver the Sloop into the Lieutenant's Hands, or permit him at leaſt to deſtroy her on the Shore. As this Affair is of ſome Importance, the Councils muſt be aſſembled about it, and he will have an Anſwer about three Days hence.

Berlin, Oct. 28. Yeſterday M. Tolſtoy, the Ruſſian Plenipotentiary, had his Audience of Leave, and ſet out this Morning for Petersbourg. The Princeſs Royal of Pruſſia, who has been in great Danger for ſome Days, is now in a fair way of Recovery.

Copenhagen, Oct. 28. We have Advice that Sir John Norris with the Squadron of Britiſh Men of War under his Command, ſailed from the Dahlers the 9th of this Month, O. S. ſo that he is daily expected here.

Bruſſels, Oct. 28. A Ship fitted out at Oſtend, with 70 Men, by the Owners of one which was taken on the Coaſt of Guiney by the Guardſhips of the Dutch Weſt-India Company, put to Sea ſome Days ago, and on the 24th returned into Oſtend, bringing in with her a Frigate of 12 Guns and 30 Men belonging to that Company: They met with that Frigate at Sea about five Leagues from Dover, boarded and took her without Reſiſtance. The Fiſcal of the Admiralty of Oſtend, in Preſence of the Captain, took an exact Inventory of the Cargo, which conſiſts chiefly in a Cheſt of Gold Duſt, ſome Elephants Teeth, and a ſmall Box, which being ſealed up and addreſſed to the Directors of the Company, has not been opened; it is ſuppoſed there are either Jewels or Papers of Conſequence in it. The Frigate and her Cargo are computed to be worth about 60000 Crowns. The Marqueſs de Prié has ſent a particular Account of this Affair to Vienna. M. Peſters, Reſident of the States General here, has had a Conference with the Marqueſs on this Subject, in which he complained of the Violence done, reclamed the Frigate, and deſired that ſhe might be immediately releaſed; but his Excellency anſwered, that he could do nothing in this Affair until he receives the Emperour's Orders. He has in the mean time ordered all the Sailors to be ſet at Liberty, and Paſſes to be given them to go to Holland. The Reſident at the ſame Time acquainted his Excellency, that he had received from the States General the Acts for diſcharging the Magiſtrates of the Towns and Chatellenies of the Country given up to the Emperour by the *Barrier*-Treaty, from their Oaths of Fidelity to their High Mightineſſes; and that he was ready to give up the Poſſeſſion to his Imperial Majeſty, as ſoon as the Acts for putting the States General into Poſſeſſion of the Extenſion of Limits in Flanders ſhould be delivered into his Hands: Whereupon the Marqueſs gave Orders to prepare the ſaid Acts, that they may be exchanged without further Delay.

All Perſons who were uſed to pay any Quitt-Rents, or Fee-Farm Rents due to His Majeſty in the City of London and Counties of Middleſex, Eſſex, Hertford, Norfolk and Huntington, to Mr. Thomas Codd, in Lothbury, late Receiver General thereof, or to Mr. Manning, in Carew-Street, are hereby required to pay the ſame to John Milles, Eſq; next Door to the Duke of Bedford's Head in Taviſtock-Street, Covent-Garden, any Wedneſday in this preſent Michaelmas Term as uſual, and bring their laſt Acquittance with them, otherwiſe a proper Officer will be ſent to levy the ſame.

Mercers-Hall, Oct. 26, 1719.

The Governour and Company of Undertakers for raiſing Thames Water in York Buildings, (who are incorporated for ever, by Act of Parliament, and impowered to Purchaſe Lands and Tenements to any Value) will, on Friday next, at Mercers-Hall, lay open a Subſcription under their Common Seal, for raiſing the Sum of One Million and Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds, to purchaſe forfeited and other Eſtates in Great Britain, to be a Fund for granting Annuities for Life, and aſſuring Lives to all ſuch Perſons as ſhall deſire the ſame, paying ſuch valuable Conſiderations as ſhall be agreed on by the Company and the Perſons aſſured. The Proprietors of the Aſſurance Stock for Ships and Merchandize, will have the Preference for ten Days, from the 30th Inſtant, to ſubſcribe to this Stock in Proportion to their Stock in the Corporations of the Mines-Royal, &c. but no Perſon will be admitted to ſubſcribe more than 10,000l. nor leſs than 200l. thereto.

Advertiſements.

TO be ſold, by Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Hiccocks, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, this Michaelmas Term, a Freehold Eſtate of Nicholas Cutler, late of Yewell, in the County of Surry, Brewer, Part in Poſſeſſion and Part in Reverſion, conſiſting of two Houſes over againſt the Church in Yewell, near Epſom, with the